

whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of information collection:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* National Study of Indigent Defense Systems.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Previous OMB number was 1121-0095. The agency form number is NSID-2. Bureau of Justice Statistics, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary. State and local providers of indigent defense services including selected county officials to identify indigent defense programs. Other: None.

This information collection will identify the number and characteristics of public defense organizations and agencies and measure the way in which States provide legal services for indigent criminal defendants, their caseloads, policies and practices. Information also will be gathered on type of offenses represented, expenditures, funding sources and other related administrative issues. The information collected will provide a comprehensive portrait of state and local efforts to meet the needs of indigent criminal defendants.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimated 750 county officials will complete a 1-hour county questionnaire. An estimated 750 state and local providers of indigent defense services will complete a 2-hour program questionnaire. Total number of respondents is estimated at 1500. The

averaged completion time for both forms is 1.5 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 2250.00 total burden hours for the data collection.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20530, or via facsimile at (202) 514-1534.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Victims of Crime

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; New Collection, Victims of Crime Act, Victim Assistance in Indian Country Grant Program, Grantee Performance Report

This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 27, 1998. Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Does the proposed information collection instrument include all relevant program performance measures;

(2) Does the proposed information to be collected have practical utility;

(3) Does the proposed information to be collected enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Does the proposed information to be collected minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Cynthia Darling, 202-616-3571, Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531. You may also contact the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to (202) 514-1534.

Overview of this information:

(1) *Type of information collection:* New collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Victims of Crime Act, Victim Assistance in Indian Country Grant Program, Grantee Performance Report.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:

Form: None. Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Tribal government. Other: None.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply: 42 respondents to complete an annual report in 2 hours.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 84 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

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